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JOINT EMBASSY/CINCUNC MESSAGE

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SUBJECT: INSPECTION OF NORTH KOREAN TUNNEL

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1. FOLLOWING IS RESPONSE WE RECEIVED EVENING
MARCH 31 FROM DPRK THROUGH JOINT DUTY OFFICER AT
PANMUNJOM TO OUR MESSAGE TO NORTH REGARDING DIPLOMATIC CORPS
VISIT TO NORTH KOREAN TUNNEL CONTAINED REF B:
QTE. REFERENCE IS MADE TO YOUR MESSAGE OF 1213 HOURS
ON MARCH 30, 1975 AND 0856 HOURS ON MARCH 31, 1975.

THE HUE AND CRY US IMPERIALIST AGGRESSOR'S
AND SOUTH KOREAN PUPPET CLIQUE ARE KICKING UP CONCERNING
THE SO CALLED "TUNNEL INCIDENT" HAS NOTHING TO DO
WITH US. IT IS A CLUMSY FARCE FABRICATED SOLELY FOR
POLITICAL PURPOSES.

THE DECEPTIVE NATURE OF THE SO

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CALLED "TUNNEL INCIDENT" YOU ARE CLAMOURING ABOUT

WAS FULLY EXPOSED AT THE LAST MILITARY ARMISTICE
COMMISSION MEETING.

OUR SIDE HAS ALREADY PUNGENTLY DENOUNCED
YOUR SIDE FOR THE POLITICAL INTRIGUE AND STRONGLY
DEMANDS IT BE PROMPTLY STOPPED.

DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE DECEPTIVE NATURE
OF THE SO CALLED "TUNNEL INCIDENT" WAS CLEARLY
EXPOSED TO THE WORLD AS MENTIONED ABOVE, YOUR
SIDE IS MANEUVERING TO JUSTIFY ITS OWN TRICKS BY
BRINGING INTO THE DMZ EVEN "PRESS REPRESENTATIVES" AND
"MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATICORPS IN SEOUL".

THE VICIOUS PURPOSE YOU US IMPERIALIST
AGGRESSORS AND THE SOUTH KOREAN PUPPET CLIQUE ARE
PURSUING IS TO MAKE MORE UNSCRUPULOUS "ANTI-COMMUNIST"
TRICKY COMMOTIONS DESIGNED TO DEFAME AND SLANDER THE
DPRK AND TO MISLEAD PUBLIC OPINION.

OUR SIDE PUNGENTLY DENOUNCES SUCH SINISTER
MANEUVERING OF YOUR SIDE AND AT THE SAME TIME WILL NOT
TOLERATE IT.

IF YOUR SIDE CONTINUES SUCH A CRIMINAL PLOT
IN DISREGARD OF OUR STRONG WARNINGS, IT
WILL HAVE TO BEAR THE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL
THE CONSEQUENCES ARISING THEREFROM. UNQUOTE.

2. COMMENT: EMBASSY/CINCUNC BELIEVE NORTH KOREAN
RESPONSE WHILE CLEARLY NEGATIVE, IS MINIMUM WE MIGHT
EXPECT FROM THEM UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES. WE NOTE THAT
THERE IS NO MENTION OF ARMISTICE AGREEMENT VIOLATION
NOR ANY EXPLICIT THREAT. ON BASIS PAST EXPERIENCE
WITH THIS TYPE NORTHERN PROPAGANDA MESSAGE, WE
BELIEVE IT ALL BUT CERTAIN NORTH WILL NOT ATTEMPT
TO CREATE INCIDENT AT TIME DIPLOMATS VISITS
APRIL 2 AND 3. ACCORDINGLY, WE ARE PLANNING TO
MOVE AHEAD WITH THESE VISITS. HOWEVER, BECAUSE
WE CANNOT GIVE ABSOLUTE GUARANTEE OF SAFETY WE
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HAVE HAD DEAN DIPLOMATIC CORPS GIVE ALL DIPLOMATS
CONCERNED COPIES OF THE NORTH'S REPLY AND HAVE
INFORMED DIPLOMATS THROUGH DEAN THAT IF THEY GO THEY
ARE PROCEEDING IN TECHNICAL VIOLATION OF ARMISTICE
AGREEMENT AND AT THEIR OWN RISK.
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